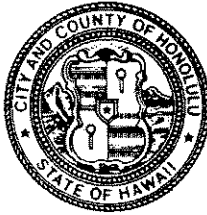


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Dear Chair Garcia and Councilmembers:

Subject: Budget Communication 10
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This is in response to Budget Committee questions of March 25, 2009 regarding retired ambulances.

Question 3. a)

Please provide more detailed information on the process by which retired ambulance vehicles are donated.

Answer:

When old ambulances are replaced, they are put into a reliever pool for driver training and are used as spares when ambulances in the active fleet are in the shop for preventive maintenance or repairs. When the old ambulances are no longer reliable enough to be on the road, we use them for parts to repair the current fleet and then send them to the Department of Facility Maintenance, Automotive Equipment Services Division for auction.

In researching your question about donations, I determined one ambulance was donated to Kapiolani Community College (KCC) approximately 10 years ago to assist in the training program for emergency medical technicians. One ambulance was sent to the Philippines following widespread destruction from Hurricane Gil and two ambulances were sent to American Samoa around 2005 at their request, after we helped to train some of their paramedics.

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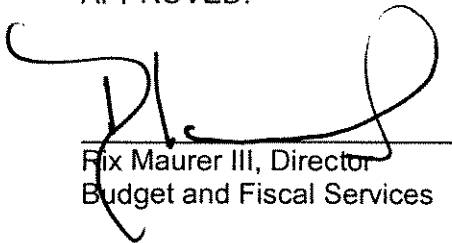
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Sincerely,



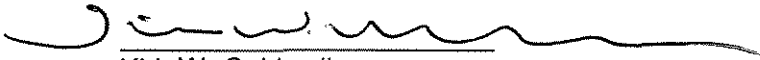
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